(b) if so, the complete details thereof, tribe-wise;

(c) whether the National Commission on Population has in its meeting held in January-February, 2001 considered the problems of tribes in detail; and

(d) if so, the broad consensus arrived at about possible assistance to be provided to tribal community?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) according to 1981 and 1991 census, there has been decline in the population of the following Primitive Tribal Groups:—

State	Community	Population	
		1991	1981
Karnataka	JenuKuruba	29371	34747
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Shompens	131	223
	Great Andamanese	32	42

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Four sub-groups have been formed for detailed examination of problems and formulation of concrete proposals.

Exploitation of Tribal Girls/Women

†491. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the girls/women of various tribal areas are being exploited on the pretext of deploying them as house maids in various metropolitan cities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these tribal girls/women become the victim of ill treatment while working in various reputed families; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government to ensure a dignified life for these tribal women/girls?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.